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An ACCOUNT of the wicked and unnatural Crimes committed by

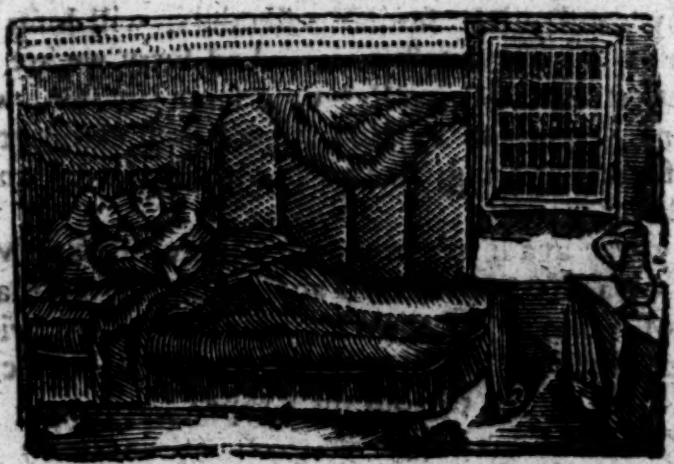
Mr. James R***y,

A SCHOOLMASTER,

Who is to take his Trial at the enſuing Old Bailey Seſſions, for raviſhing a Child only Eight Years of Age.

Alſo, an Account of his Examination at Bow-ſtreet.

I Think of her tender Age, and see who can Disgrace himself, and shame the Name of MAN.



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IN the annals of villainy and wickedneſs, there are few crimes which diſgrace human nature more than rapes upon female children, whoſe tender age renders them unable to reſiſt. Ruſſen, Murphy, and other ſimilar offenders, will long be remembered with deteſtation. And ſorry we are to relate, that Mr. James Ri-ey, a ſchoolmaſter, was on Monday brought to Bow-ſtreet, and committed for a further hearing, charged with raviſhing children!!

R-l-y was again examined on Friday, before Mr. Floud, on a charge preferred againſt him by William Stiles, of having, on the 10th of October laſt, violently aſſaulted Ann Stiles, daughter of the proſecutor, with an intent to commit a rape.

The first examination was private; but the particulars we find since to have been these:

Ann Stiles, an infant, who only completed her Eighth Year the 22d of last September, is the injured object.

Her evidence was, that she lived at No. 3, Long Acre, and went a school kept by a Mr. and Mrs. King, in Little Chapel-Street, Soho, where she was taught to read, write, and needle-work.

In her way to school, about three weeks back, she first saw the prisoner looking out at his window: he called her Miss, and beckoned her to come to him, on which she went up stairs to him, when he said she was a pretty little girl, and desired she would come to him again. She at that time remained with him about two minutes, and nothing further passed.

On her return home, about twelve o'clock of the same day, she called as the prisoner had desired; when he kissed her.

As she was returning home from school, at five o'clock the same day, she a third time went up into the prisoner's room, but was then accompanied by a Miss Handley, who knocked at the door, which was immediately opened by a little boy.

Upon their entrance into the room they saw the prisoner there and a number of boys, who were his scholars, and were immediately dismissed by him.

After they had gone away, Miss Handly, the informant, and the prisoner, only remained in the room.

Miss Handley was sitting on a chair, but was desired by the prisoner to leave it, who placed the informant on it, and after having offered some inde-

ceneies, in about two minutes he unlocked the door, and let her and the other little girl out.

The informant, as ſhe was going to ſchool the next morning, was overtaken by *Miſs* Handley, who went with her to No. 7, Queen-ſtreet, where the priſoner lived. There Miſs Handley pulled the informant into the houſe, and ſaid ſhe muſt go up ſtairs. The door was opened by a little boy, and the priſoner took the two little girls into an adjoining back room, where he perpetrated his criminal purpoſe, while the boys were ſtill remaining in the front room.

The two young girls were then let out of the room by the priſoner, but the informant never went up afterwards, as ſhe was afraid he would do her ſome injury.

Mary Handley, whoſe father is a taylor at No. 2, Little Earl-ſtreet, ſaid ſhe uſed to go to Mr. King's ſchool, where ſhe was taught to read in the New Teſta-

ment, and work at her ſampler. She could not, ſhe ſaid, ſay her catechiſm, but ſhe was eleven years of age about three weeks ago. She knew the priſoner by having been taken up into his room by Miſs Stiles.

Carolina Drake, a child about nine years, ſaid that ſhe lived in Northumberland-ſtreet with her mother, her father being dead: at Mr. King's ſchool ſhe was inſtructed in French, reading, working and arithmetic.

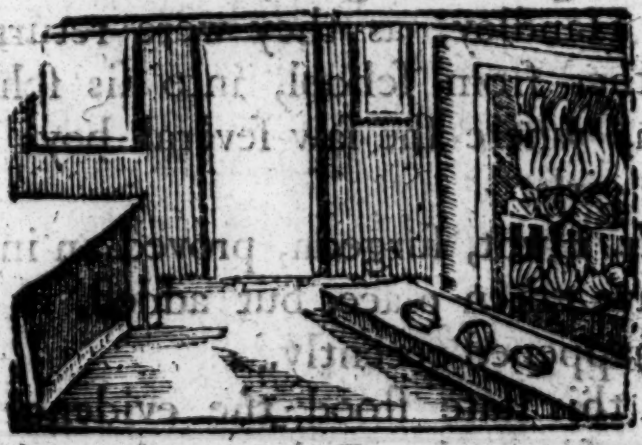
She ſaw the priſoner, about three weeks ago, having been introduced by Miss Handley, as they were returning together from ſchool, into his ſchool-room, where ſhe ſaw ſeveral boys and ſome girls.

Mr. Hunt, ſurgeon, proved an injury to have taken place, but added, it had not happened recently.

In this ſtate ſtood the evidence on Wedneſday, when R-l-y was brought up for examination.

Mr. Juſtice Floud informed the priſoner of the capital nature of the charge with which he was accuſed; but owing to the abſence of a *Mr.* Hunt, a material witneſs, the matter was poſtponed to Saturday, when the priſoner was again examined.

The charge againſt the priſoner being further ſtrengthened, he was fully committed to take his trial at the enſuing Old *B*ailey ſeſſions.



A Copy of Verſes.

YE tender parents all draw near,
Whilſt I a tale unfold,
Of crimes committed by a wretch,
As bad as e'er were told,
By one James R-l-y, who did keep
A reputable ſchool,
Till luſt and lawleſs actions did
His reaſon over-rule.

He did decoy a little girl,
But eight years was her age,
And there he did, O ſhameful crime!
His guilty luſt aſſuage,
And carnal knowledge had of her,
Tho' ſhe was but a child;
And thus by harden'd villainy
Was innocence beguil'd.

In a few days this child ſhe did
Unto her friends complain,
When R***y apprehended was,
And up to Bow-ſtreet ta'en;
And there the child her ſtory told,
She made it plain appear
That he as great a villain was
As ever was brought there.

Strictly examined was he
Upon this heavy charge,
And though he did deny his guilt,
They would not him diſcharge,
But unto priſon he was ſent,
His trial for to take,
And if that guilty he is found,
His life is then at ſtake.

Unpity'd ſuch a wretch will die,
No one to mourn his fate,
But thinking of what he hath done,
Him and his crimes they hate;
So God protect and keep us all,
From every wicked deed,
And mark us with his heavenly grace,
To ſave us in our need.

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